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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were lower on all weights when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully adequate for a fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices delivered warehouse and store door were down 4 cents on all sizes. Prices to producers were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned and institutional egg demand was slow to moderate, better into retail features or vacation areas. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand light to fairly good for the adequate. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	73-82	76-79				
LARGE	72-81	74-77				
MEDIUM	66-75	68-71				
			LARGE	54-63	58	
			MEDIUM	48-54	50	
			SMALL	35-39		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on mediums and larger sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was usually light to moderate. Current supplies were sufficient to available for needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings ranged barely adequate to fully adequate for light to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-97	83-86
LARGE	77-91	82-86
MEDIUM	70-83	74-77

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large prices down 4 cents, large decreased 6 cents and mediums 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with scattered location reporting improvement. Food service movement moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offers adequate to barely adequate. Floor stocks adequate. Schedule fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-92	85-88
LARGE	79.5-88	81-84
MEDIUM	73.5-82	75-78

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Distributive and retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to at times available for current requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to fully sufficient for the light to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-96	85-88
LARGE	82-93	83-86
MEDIUM	74.5-86	75-79

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Extra large, large and medium prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into all channels was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	91-95
LARGE	89-93
MEDIUM	82-86

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80-88	81-83
LARGE	78-86	79-81
MEDIUM	72-80	73-75

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were down 2 cents for jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large, and 4 cents lower for large and medium. The Pacific inventory was 3% lower than last Monday, with California 1% higher and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. Retailer demand slow with offerings fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were down 2 cents on jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large, and 4 cents lower for large and medium. The Pacific inventory was 3% lower than last Monday, with California up 1% and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Retailer demand was slow with offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 90.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	124
LARGE	117
MEDIUM	110

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	UNAVAILABLE
MEDIUM	

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	UNAVAILABLE
MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 25, 2007 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 18, 2007 were 154,421 cases which was 22 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	106,720	47,701	154,421

% change from the prior week.....

-30	+4	-22
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings barely adequate to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	54.5-58	55-57
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	42-49	44-47
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were higher than last report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAY-07

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.75-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.51

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to fairly good for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAY-07

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.75-12 CENTS/LB. 9.42

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO

REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 21, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	19.8	8.2	10.7	11.6	61.4
	Change	0.8	0.6	0.7	-0.4	0.9	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.2	43.9	17.6	27.0	36.3	144.0
	Change	-3.7	3.4	3.8	-1.2	-6.8	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	33.6	121.3	83.0	107.2	103.0	448.1
	Change	4.3	11.3	1.7	0.3	-4.6	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.9	46.3	17.9	16.5	28.2	123.8
	Change	5.0	-3.4	-2.7	0.7	1.3	1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	9.3	2.4	3.2	6.0	24.8
	Change	-2.0	2.3	-0.1	1.4	2.0	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.7	17.4	9.6	13.7	7.3	49.7
	Change	0.1	-5.2	-0.9	3.2	2.2	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.0	43.9	21.4	27.8	25.4	135.5
	Change	3.8	-1.9	2.9	6.6	-2.7	7%
Total	Curr Wk	101.4	301.9	160.1	206.1	217.8	987.3
Percent	Change	9%	2%	3%	5%	-3%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	987.3	2%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.2	-3%	33
Total Shell Egg	1207.5	1%	189

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 07, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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2.04	2.02	1.82	1.20
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MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 07, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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1.56	1.56	1.40	.80
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 18, 2007

CURRENT LOADS									FUTURE LOADS									TOTAL LOADS								
17.75									14.00									31.75								
SE			NE			MW			SE			NE			MW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	58.50	--	60.00	61.00	--	--	2.00		GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.00	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	84.00	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	70.00	--	2.00		GL W XL	64.00	--	--	72.00	--	70.00	2.00		GL W XL	64.00	--	--	72.00	--	70.00	2.00	
GL W XL	--	--	69.00	71.00	59.00	--	5.00		GL W LG	56.00	--	--	70.00	--	65.00	3.50		GL W LG	56.00	--	--	70.00	--	65.00	3.50	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	58.50	--	2.50		GL W MD	51.75	--	--	--	--	60.75	4.00		GL W MD	51.75	--	--	--	--	60.75	4.00	
GL W MD	--	--	62.50	64.00	51.00	--	3.00		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	85.00	89.00	1.00		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	85.00	89.00	1.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00		GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	56.00	60.00	.25		GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	56.00	60.00	.25	
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	51.00	--	2.00		NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00		NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
									NRBS - 39	--	--	--	62.50	--	--	2.00		NRBS - 39	--	--	--	62.50	--	--	2.00	

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2007-MAY 18, 2007

CURRENT LOADS									FUTURE LOADS									TOTAL LOADS								
104.00									73.00									177.00								
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	59.50	--	61.30	61.60	--	--	16.00		GNR BR 1	--	71.50	--	--	--	--	2.00		GNR W 1	59.50	--	61.30	61.60	--	--	16.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00		GL W J	70.00	--	--	--	--	84.75	6.00		GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	69.50	--	4.50		GL W XL	67.92	70.00	--	72.00	--	75.73	12.00		GL W J	70.00	--	--	--	--	--	84.75	6.00
GL W XL	77.13	77.14	70.77	71.98	69.09	--	49.25		GL W LG	59.18	67.27	--	70.00	--	72.02	20.00		GL W XL	67.92	70.00	--	72.00	--	75.73	12.00	
GL W LG	64.00	78.00	67.43	63.08	62.99	55.00	34.75		GL W MD	52.38	59.00	57.00	62.25	--	61.89	15.75		GL W LG	59.18	67.27	--	70.00	--	72.02	20.00	
GL W MD	71.00	59.50	59.69	61.28	51.69	54.00	28.25		GL W SM	40.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		GL W MD	52.38	59.00	57.00	62.25	--	61.89	15.75	
GL W SM	--	47.50	48.25	50.50	--	--	5.00		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	85.00	89.00	1.00		GL W SM	40.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	53.86	55.36	54.80	58.00	60.00		GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	56.00	60.00	.25		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	85.00	89.00	1.00	
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	51.00	--	2.00		NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00		GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	56.00	60.00	.25	
NRBS - 36	--	30.00	--	--	27.00	--	2.00		NRBS - 45	63.25	--	--	--	--	65.00	2.00		NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00	
									NRBS - 39	--	--	--	62.50	--	--	2.00		NRBS - 45	63.25	--	--	--	--	65.00	2.00	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/14/07	05/07/07	05/15/06
PACIFIC COAST	3	4	102
LOS ANGELES	0	0	98

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** MAY 21, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		
Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 158	130 - 134
Large doz.	224 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 149	125 - 128

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on all small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	103.79
LARGE	100.79
MEDIUM	92.86
SMALL	74.00

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